

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the review and consideration of the present application.

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 55-58, 60-69, and 71-74 remain pending in the application. Claims 59 and 70 have been canceled without prejudice to pursue the subject matter of all non-elected, canceled and non-entered claims in one or more related applications.

Applicants respectfully note that claims 59-61 and 70-72 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 55 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 59 and claim 65 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 70 to place this application in condition for allowance.

Applicant cancels claims 59 and 70. Accordingly, claims 55 and claims 56-58 and 60-64 that depend therefrom, as well as claim 65 and claims 66-69 and 71-74 that depend therefrom are allowable.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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